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What Rhymes With Oranges band members Ethan Thompson (left), Landon Lee (center) and Dan Coburn (right) clown around with a container of Folgers Coffee. With the help of Lee and Coburn, Thompson produced a song for a Folgers jingle contest and made it to the semifinals. The band is hoping to get enough online votes to become one of the top five finalists and get the chance to compete for \$25,000.

UM students finalists in Folgers' jingle contest

Justin Franz
Montana Kaimin

A group of University of Montana students could be hitting the big time soon if their jingle for Folgers Coffee is selected in a national contest.

In a nationwide search for a new jingle that uses the classic "The best part of wakin' up is Folgers in your cup" slogan, Folgers selected UM student Ethan Thompson's video to be one of 10 finalists. The videos will be placed online and put up for a vote at the end of this month, although some are already posted on YouTube.

The creators of the five videos that receive the most votes will be

flown to New York City, where they'll perform their jingles in front of a panel of judges. The winner will receive \$25,000 and could have his or her jingle featured in a Folgers commercial.

Thompson first heard about the contest from his mom, and on a whim spent some time writing a jingle. Then with the help of his band, What Rhymes With Oranges, he recorded and shot a video to go with the song. "I'm really excited, as I'm trying to get my music out there," he said.

Thompson submitted his video earlier this semester, and when the coffee company sent him an e-mail saying his video was in the final

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ASUM endorses carbon-neutral campus

Jessica Stugelmayer
Montana Kaimin

ASUM senators unanimously supported a resolution Wednesday to endorse the University of Montana's Climate Action Plan.

The plan has been in effect since UM President George Denison signed it in January, so the endorsement by ASUM was a formality, said senator Patrick Rhea, who helped author the resolution. He added that student support is important because student effort helped make the plan a reality.

"What we have is a strong Climate Action Plan, and I'm really proud of that," Rhea said.

UM Sustainability Coordinator Cherie Peacock spoke to the senate about the changes made in the second draft of the plan. The newest draft sets a proposed date of 2020 for the UM campus to be carbon-neutral, Peacock said.

The first draft of the plan aimed for a 10 percent reduction in carbon by 2015 and an overall reduction of 30 percent by 2020. However, Peacock said student feedback on the plan through surveys and petitions called for stronger action.

As for what will happen when UM hires a new president in the fall, Peacock said they hadn't thought about it yet. But, she said, while the University is looking for

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Got (Local) Milk?

Two family-run dairies making a living in the Bitterroot Valley

Kate Whittle
Montana Kaimin

You pour it on your cereal, drink it with your cookies and add it to your coffee. But before milk appears in your fridge — homogenized, pasteurized and de-fatted — it comes out of a cow.

In an era when food can come from anywhere at any time, family-run dairies in Montana are bringing innovation to an old field.

Jennifer Holmes is the dairy manager for Lifeline Farms, which produces and sells meat, dairy and vegetables. Lifeline, located in Victor, is the only certified organic dairy in Montana, Holmes said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has several regulations defining "organic." Organic cows should eat pesticide-free feed, not be treated with antibiotics or hormones, and have access to pasture. Conventional corporate-owned dairies have been criticized for numerous practices, such as first inseminating a dairy cow while it's still a heifer at age 2 and considering her "spent" and sent to slaughter at less than 5 years of age, according to a 2008 report from the Humane Society of the United States.

That's a world away from the peaceful vista of Lifeline Farms, where a sheet inside the milking parlor lists

the cows' tag numbers and names, like Croknos, Dolly and Siobhan.

Lifeline currently milks about 80 Brown Swiss cows, and Holmes estimated each cow gives about 45 pounds of milk every day. In the dairy business, milk is measured by weight, not by gallon.

Holmes said non-organic cows at an industrial dairy will give about 90 pounds of milk a day, thanks to a grain-based diet and hormone injections.

The raw milk from the Lifeline farm is trucked about a mile away to a creamery and store in Victor. At the creamery, employees take the raw milk and pasteurize it before making butter, reduced-fat milk and several different kinds of cheese.

Most brands of milk, like Meadow Gold or Country Classic, are distribution companies that buy raw milk from several dairies.

"I'd say we're the only people in Montana that are producing, processing and distributing our own milk," Holmes said.

Holmes said the dairy division of Lifeline was established in 1980, but the creamery was built a mere seven years ago.

Lifeline leases the creamery building and land because the company cannot afford to purchase it outright.

Holmes said the pasteurizer machine alone cost \$40,000.

Lifeline's cheeses include cheddar, "Montzarella," brie, Montana jack and "Feta-U-Beta," a cow-milk version of feta cheese, which is traditionally made from sheep's milk.

Despite its diverse operation, Lifeline doesn't have big profit margins, Holmes said.

"In my experience, farming is never going to be a profitable venture," she said. "We pay ourselves, but we make about \$18,000 a year. You know, it's probably about \$4 an hour when you really look at it."

Lifeline has a leg up on some of the bigger distributors of organic milk, like Horizon and Organic Valley.

"We are the only distributor of organic milk in Montana in gallons," she said.

Since Montana state law says gallons of milk can stay on the shelf for 12 days, other dairies only sell smaller amounts of milk in Montana. For instance, Organic Valley milk only has a 14-day shelf life, so shipping from plants in Oregon and Washington takes up too much of that 12-day period.

The USDA tightened federal organic dairy regulations in February, but Holmes said the rules didn't affect Lifeline.

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EDITORIAL



Allison Maier,
Editor

So, ASUM election season is approaching.

Judging by the number of students who've voted in these elections in the past, this probably doesn't mean much to a lot of people on campus. Last year, for example, roughly 13 percent of the student population voted in the election to determine the student government's president and vice president. Only about 11 percent weighed in on who should be the ASUM business manager.

But this year, it seems, it's not just the electorate that is uninterested. On Monday, only three students had returned petitions to actually run for a seat on the

Government is here to stay

ASUM Senate. By 5 p.m. on Wednesday — the deadline for signing up as an ASUM candidate — Elections Committee chair Will Selph had received 27 completed petitions for senate candidates. Three individuals are running for the three executive positions — president, vice president and business manager — meaning that, unless there's a write-in campaign, the trio will get those positions without having to run against anybody.

Compared to past years, this lack of enthusiasm for the student government is unusual. And the timing is interesting considering what's happening on a national level.

At the end of the long, contentious Bush era, Americans were ready for an overhaul of the federal government. They got caught up in the fervor of the 2008 election season and a campaign based on change and hope. Barack Obama was elected with more than 69 million votes and

the dreams of a country that was tired, but optimistic.

But Obama inherited a slew of concerns, among them a dismal economy, two wars and global warming. On top of that, he decided to reform the country's health care system his first year in office. Things were ugly from the start and have continued to get uglier. If anything, the two parties have become even more divided and unreasonable than they were before. Their behavior and their words are sometimes shocking.

Naturally, this has caused the American people to lose hope again. And crashing from the high of two Novembers ago, they're more resentful than ever. They've lost sight of the change they once believed in and they're skeptical of politics again.

Why, then, should getting involved in student government or voting in a campus election seem like a valuable endeavor? Why should students feel like they

have the power to make a difference by getting involved in politics?

The short answer: Because government still matters, whether we like it or not.

Yes, the ASUM Senate spends much of its time passing resolutions that few people care about. Yes, the senators became so engaged in a debate about travel funding requests at a meeting last semester that it took them six hours to get through their agenda for the night. But the fact remains that the senate has the power to decide how it wants to divide hundreds of thousands of dollars between student groups. It manages services like the U-Dash bus system and oversees agencies like the Montana Kaimin. Its members sit on various committees and are sometimes the only student voices the University administration hears when it discusses initiatives that will affect all the students on campus.

At the end of the day, it

remains a powerful entity, even if it acts ridiculous from time to time. The same is true for government at any level: We've seen many members of Congress behave like children over the past year, but they're still the only people in our country with the power to determine what the United States' health care system will look like.

Politics are often frustrating and disheartening. But turning away and disengaging doesn't fix the problem. It's fine if you feel too disillusioned to vote; decisions will be made through the same processes whether you decide to participate or not. That's how it works in our country, and changing the people in charge is a whole lot easier (and far more plausible) than changing the entire political structure.

Even if you have your say, things might not work out the way you want. But the chances are probably better than they are when you simply turn your back.

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I don't think I have been formally interviewed, ever.

Menial jobs like bookseller and pizza delivery girl hardly demanded intensive question and answer sessions, this Kaimin gig was handed to me out of what I suspect was last-ditch desperation, and my one "real" position (intern at a tiny newspaper in Girdwood, Alaska) took a five-minute long introductory phone conversation with the editor to land me the job. This last one did not speak as much to my smooth persuasiveness or stellar qualifications as it did the editor's desire for what amounted to slave labor.

Needless to say, I don't really know what it means to have a prospective boss ask me serious questions with the expectation of serious answers. And this is terrifying, because I have one of these interviews scheduled for this week.

And, to throw the odds even farther out of my favor, it is over the phone. The phone: the bane of

my social and professional existence.

Or, more specifically, the phone call. Don't get me wrong; I am all for communication, as long as it isn't verbal. I am the person who will actively avoid calls from friends, just to text them the instant my phone stops ringing. I like having the opportunity to think about what I want to say before I say it; otherwise, I just spew random anecdotes and unintentional non-sequiturs.

Another obstacle the phone interview presents is the inability to see the other person and thus gauge when they are about to speak. This leads to that (figuratively) painful occurrence of constantly stepping on toes; that awkward moment when you both start talking at the same time, apologize simultaneously and then sit in silence, waiting for the other to continue. It's like when you are walking directly on course with someone and you both move the same direction to avoid running

THE MODERN common sense OF THINGS

The art of the interview. Or, how to seem more interesting/qualified/professional than you really are.

By Karen! Garcia



into one another, resulting in that jerky, robotic movement and rueful smile before you scurry away.

The worst part of a "real" interview for a "real" job, though, is the crushing pressure to convince someone you are capable, self-assured and basically better than all the other people who are applying for the position. This is especially hard when you don't believe you are any of these things.

Everyone who is a fan of overdone conventional wisdom or too lazy to think of something more personal to say will tell you, whether it be in the case of a job interview or first date, to "just be yourself." This advice is useless to me, and I imagine it is equally as useless to a vast array of

burgeoning professionals (see: college students on the verge of graduation).

That whole "be yourself" mantra is a lot harder to pull off in practice, especially in the presence of someone you have never met before and who you are acutely aware is aggressively judging your personality and skill set. It's nerve-racking, and it presents an interesting question: Can I fake it? Or rather, should I?

Because, after all, that is the dilemma. I can't "just be myself," because "myself" is awkward, off-putting and blundering. I can't be someone else, because that would be lying and then if I did get the job, I can only pretend for so long.

But in the end, I don't think

presenting myself differently than normal necessarily qualifies as "faking it"; I am simply trying really, really hard to muster and hone in on the concealed parts of myself that are constantly overshadowed by my unrelenting meanness. It's a matter of drawing out sympathetic, articulate, knowledgeable Karen, who is there, but usually eclipsed by self-involved, bumbling, aloof Karen.

So the interview is essentially an exercise in personality manipulation. It's a matter of downplaying the negative and emphasizing the positive, which isn't the equivalent of lying per se, but merely skewing the odds in your favor.

And there's nothing wrong with that. I hope.

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DAIRY

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“What ‘certified organic’ means and what our cows are are two different things,” she said. “We go beyond national standards.”

The USDA now requires organic dairy cows have access to pasture for four months of the year. Holmes said Lifeline cows graze exclusively on pasture, and they get a little grain while they’re in the milking parlor.

“It’s great that they did something because there’s dairies in California milking 30,000 cows and just shipping in feed and feeding them loads of grain, and that was never the intention of organics,” Holmes said.

She said when mega-dairies are labeled “organic,” it’s not a better option.

“I hate this word because it’s overused, but it’s just not sustainable,” she said. “Consumers still think of it as sustainable. Probably 90 percent of people who buy organic would say, ‘Yeah, it’s sustainable,’ but 30,000 cows on 20 acres of land is not sustainable.”

Holmes said she knows several other dairy owners in the Bitterroot Valley and thinks this mindset is what keeps other Montana farmers from going organic.

“Ravalli County’s really conservative, and a lot of people look upon new things with suspicion and distrust,” she said.

South of Lifeline farms lies the conventional Huls Dairy in Corvallis. Dan and Joan Huls have owned the farm since 1973.

Dan Huls said his farm milks about 350 cows every day, each cow averaging about 80 pounds of milk. Huls’ milk is processed and sold by Country Classic, a dairy co-op based out of Bozeman. Country Classic milk is certified recombinant bovine



Lifeline Farms’ dairy manager Jennifer Holmes says they have a herd of about 80 Brown Swiss cows that they use for production. Lifeline cows produce about 5 gallons of milk every day.

Kate Whittle/Montana Kaimin

somatotropin, rBST, free. Huls said there’s no proven difference between cows treated with the rBST hormone and hormone-free cows, but consumers care about it.

Huls also said simple economics are the biggest reason he chooses not to inject his cows. rBST stimulates cows into producing more milk.

“Increased production is a detriment to the dairy industry as a whole,” he said. “One thing we struggle with is the law of supply and demand.”

Huls Dairy recently placed in the top 75 for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Dream Big 2010 Small Business Award. As of

February 2009, Huls Dairy Inc. started doing something less than 100 dairies in the United States do.

In the Mad Max movies starring Mel Gibson, towns and cars run on methane gas from pig farts. It’s not science fiction. In September 2009, Huls said they decided to install an anaerobic digester. The \$1.2 million dollar equipment captures the cows’ waste effluence, digests it into pure methane, and then burns the gas to create electricity. The remaining solids are sold commercially as a lawn and garden fertilizer under the trademark name Afterburner Boost. Huls said the digester produces

enough watts to power their facility, and at peak times, a few Bitterroot homes as well. It will be a long time before the anaerobic digester pays for itself, but Huls said it’s already helping ease tensions.

“We want good neighbors, and one of the only real complaints we’ve ever had is sometimes the odor. The digestion process helps eliminate that,” he said.

Back at Lifeline, Holmes said farming is a lot of work, but it has its rewards.

“We really like producing food for local people to use and enjoy, and we enjoy the community connection with having our store down there,” she said.

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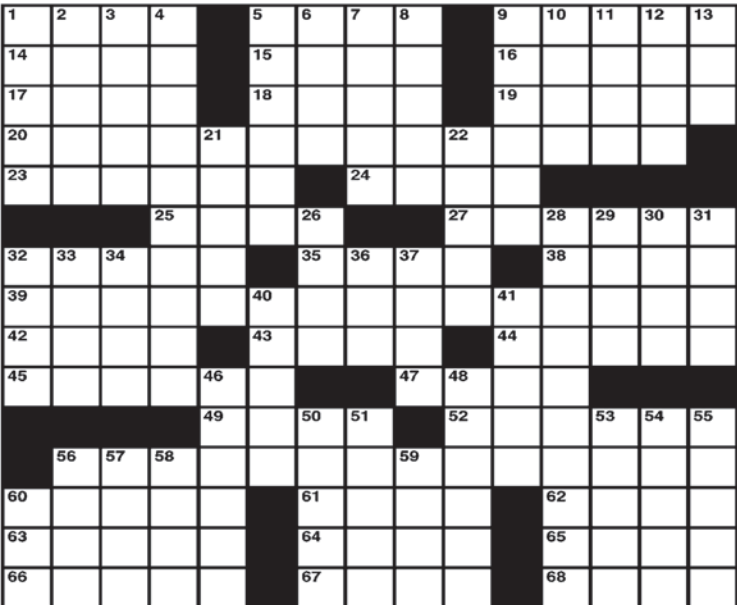
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ACROSS

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5 Dishonorable types
9 Gets off the road, in a way
14 Spear or pepper follower
15 End of grace
16 Sound portion
17 On the briny
18 Pro ____
19 Spills carelessly
20 CCCC?
23 Amount consumed
24 Yokel
25 Bird was one, briefly
27 Hemingway’s Santiago, in the story’s title
32 Pontificate
35 Jessica of “Good Luck Chuck”
38 Relieve
39 AAAA?
42 “Get outta here!”
43 Coward of the stage
44 Clarifying words
45 Incheon native
47 “____ never work!”
49 Deli option
52 Hunk
56 TTTT?
60 Santa ____: Silicon Valley city
61 Fuzz
62 DEA agent’s discovery
63 Big jerks
64 Ocean predator
65 Penultimate fairy tale word
66 Used up
67 ____-do-well
68 Information ____

DOWN

- 1 Valuable violin
2 Like baked dough
3 Prepared to speak to a tot, maybe



By Jeff Chen

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Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved



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- 36 Soap ingredient
37 Indonesian island
40 Invalidate
41 España feature
46 “Finally!”
48 ____ sauce:
50 Polymer introduced by
51 Blazing
53 Like a babe in the woods
54 British ____
55 Childbirth symbol
56 Equine sound
57 Smog, e.g.
58 Make smooth, in a way
59 Fairy tale opener
60 Items used by good buddies

Four-Day Week
Open Forums

Study Group Co-Chairs, College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Christopher Comer and Associate Vice President for Administration & Finance, Rosi Keller will conduct open forums to discuss and take comments on the feasibility of a four-day week

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The campus community is invited to attend and offer comments. The study group will analyze comments received, consult widely and provide recommendations to President Dennison in early May.

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Professor to present research on prescription drug misuse

Jayne Fraser
Montana Kaimin

Two University of Montana professors are researching why people begin misusing prescription painkillers and why reported cases of abuse might only reflect part of a bigger problem.

On Thursday at noon, psychology professor Bryan Cochran will present the societal and scientific implications of the research he conducted with professor Jean Carter from the School of Pharmacy. The event will be held in room 304 of the Clapp building as part of Sigma Xi's Rudbach Lecture Series.

"The issues that are related to science intersect with public policy, in this case with drug policy, and the national news," Cochran

// It might be stigmatizing; they might not ask the right questions; they might have a stereotype or bias in their mind about who has problems with prescription drugs. //

Bryan Cochran, psychology professor,

on why a health care provider could be reluctant to diagnose prescription drug abuse

said.

He and Carter have been analyzing data collected by the national company Miliman, Inc. to build a better picture of those who abuse opiate prescriptions such as OxyContin.

"There's about 12 million people in the database, three million of them got a prescription opioid within the timeframe we're look-

ing for, and of those, about 3,000 were eventually diagnosed as opioid misusers," Cochran said.

He said, however, that this data only reflects people diagnosed by their medical provider and not all those who misuse their prescriptions.

"There are several reasons a health care provider might be reluctant to make the diagnosis," Cochran said. "It might be stigmatizing; they might not ask the right questions; they might have a stereotype or bias in their mind about who has problems with prescription drugs."

He said people diagnosed by their doctors as being dependent on the painkillers are more likely to be male than female and also have other physical and mental health problems that correlate with their abuse.

The average age of diagnosed abusers was 38 years old, while

the average age of people who had the prescription and were not diagnosed as abusers was 48.

Cochran said this data is only part of their findings, which he said could suggest areas for improvement in both the medical and political communities as well as highlighting more general societal issues.

Professor Charles Janson, who organizes the lecture series, encourages students of any major to attend, particularly those interested in greater societal issues, drug abuse or the connection between science and public policy.

"This lecture, in part, deals with issues that have a higher level of importance in that drug abuse is a general issue in society and not just a problem for people to study scientifically," Janson said. "From a practical and social point of view, a lot of his research has

strong implications for dealing with sometimes personal and certainly social problems with drug abuse."

He said the lecture series is designed for audiences that might not have scientific expertise.

Sigma Xi is a national science honors society that seeks to promote the understanding of science to the general public.

Janson said about 80 people at UM, both faculty and students, are registered members of the organization. The local chapter organizes the lecture series and also hosts "Science Café" the first Monday of every month.

Future lecture topics this year include a general presentation on climate change and one that will focus on the impacts of fire on climate change. Both will be listed on the University's online events calendar.

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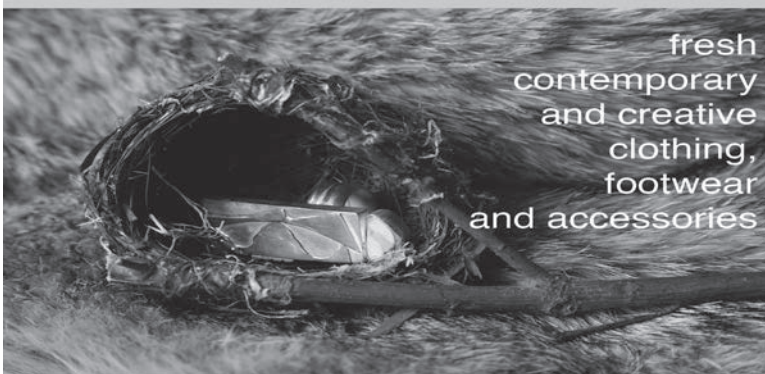
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Former Griz making impact in NBA

David Bell at the top of his game in developmental league

Troy Warzocha
Montana Kaimin

For most in Montana, driving to North Dakota is nothing more than a day trip. For Dakota Wizards guard David Bell, getting to North Dakota took a couple years and a few thousand miles extra.

Since last playing for the Grizzlies in 2003, Bell played basketball in Europe for two years before landing a gig in the NBA's developmental league in 2007.

"(Playing overseas) molded me," Bell said. "It showed me the world in a different way."

Bell is certainly a man of the world. In his many travels, he played professionally in both Switzerland and Finland. He then came back to Montana to play for the Butte Daredevils of the now-defunct Continental Basketball Association before leaving to play in France.

After his European vacation, Bell was inked by the Wizards and is now in his third year with the club.

The Wizards are a minor-league affiliate of the Memphis Grizzlies and the Washington Wizards of the NBA. Like Major League Baseball, players can get called up to the NBA or sent down the D-League for some extra seasoning.

"(The developmental league) is definitely the highest level I've played at," Bell said.

Regardless of his experience and travels, for Bell, it all started at a little school in Missoula.

Before current Montana guard Will Cherry made his pilgrimage from Oakland, Calif., to Missoula, Bell first made the trek, coming to UM with a head full of basketball dreams.

"Coming from California in the first place and moving to Montana to play basketball was a life-changing experience," Bell said.

Grizzly basketball always brings back good memories, Bell said, but one game in particular stands out more than the others.

In December of 2002, the Grizzlies were locked into a back-and-forth battle with No. 17 Stanford in the Cardinal's preseason non-conference tournament in California.

With time winding down and the Griz down by one, Bell took a pass from guard Jason Erickson, crossed over one defender and drilled a three to give Montana a 70-68 victory.

"That's a huge shot," said Montana's then-assistant coach Wayne Tinkle during the post-game show. "We called the play for him and they dropped back in a 2-3 zone."

Bell finished the day with a team-high 24 points, converting six of his eight attempts from beyond the arc.

While it may be the most memorable, the Stanford game wasn't the biggest stage Bell played on during his stay with the Grizzlies.



Photo courtesy of Dave Eggen/NBAE/Getty Images

Dakota Wizards guard David Bell secures a rebound Mar. 3 against the Albuquerque Thunderbirds. The Wizards won 101-91. Bell, a former Grizzly basketball player, is the fifth-leading scorer for the Wizards, averaging 13 points per game.

He was also part of the Grizzly squad in 2001-2002 that knocked off No. 4 Northern Arizona, No. 1 Montana State and No. 2 Eastern Washington in three consecutive days during the Big Sky tournament.

The Griz entered the NCAA Tournament as a No. 15 seed and were defeated by No. 2 Oregon 81-62 in the first round.

As the 2009-2010 Grizzly basketball team gets ready to hit the offseason after falling to New Mexico in the first round of this year's NCAA Tournament, Bell said he feels for the players and knows the pain of losing on college basketball's biggest stage.

Despite the narrow loss, Bell

was happy to see his alma mater do something special in the conference title game, he said.

For that game against Weber State, Bell invited all the players on the Wizards over to his home to watch. With every shot senior guard Anthony Johnson hit in the second-half, the Bell household got a little louder.

When Johnson notched his 41st and 42nd points of the evening, it blew the lid off Bell's apartment, located 750 miles from Missoula.

"When Johnson hit that (last) shot, he had the whole apartment going crazy," Bell said.

Despite being some distance away from the Grizzlies, Bell still has fond memories of playing in

Missoula, especially under the tutelage of Tinkle.

"Coach Tink was always my main guy when he was up (in Missoula)," Bell said. "It's good to see him doing so well right now. I've kept an eye on them and text Coach Tink."

While North Dakota isn't Montana, Bell admits that it's pretty similar, except for the extremely cold winters.

When Bell was a student, he used to consider walking across the Oval in single-digits pretty chilly. But once he got to Bismarck, he realized that Missoula's winters are nothing compared to the sub-zero temperatures he's experienced in North Dakota.

"The cold out here is crazy," Bell said.

While it may be cold outside, Bell is keeping the crowds in North Dakota warm with his hot scorer's touch inside the Bismarck Civic Center.

So far this season, Bell is fifth on the team, averaging 13 points per game. His average is just shy of the 13.8 points per game being put up by fellow teammate Hashem Thabeet. Thabeet was the NBA's No. 2 overall pick last June by the Memphis Grizzlies.

In a talent that harkens back to his UM days, Bell is also one of the most potent three-point threats in the D-League, shooting 44.7 percent on the year.

"(Bell) has really put pressure on the defense to have to guard us on the perimeter," said Wizards first-year head coach Rory White.

Bell has started 40 of the Wizards' 44 games this season and has helped them to a 27-19 record. The Wizards sit in fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

Despite the impressive stats at a high level, White has been most impressed with Bell's hard work and drive to continue to grow as a professional basketball player.

"If (Bell) is going to get anywhere, he's going to have to work hard," White said. "And he knows what it takes to come in and stick around."

Recently, Bell's commitment and development has been rewarded with a raise. He now sits in the upper tier of salaried players of the D-League, and White knows Bell has earned it.

"(A raise) comes from focus, hard work and determination," White said.

The raise wasn't any surprise to Bell, who prides himself on being a professional at all times.

"(Hard work) is part of being a professional," Bell said. "You just have to put in the work."

In the D-League, there will always be some young gun aiming for an opportunity to make an impact, and Bell knows well enough that his job is always on the line, thus making every moment he has on the court that much more important.

Down Bell's right arm is a tattoo that says "blessed." It isn't by coincidence that he uses the term to tell others of just how fortunate he is to be playing professional basketball.

"(Playing professionally) is a blessing, man," Bell said. "It's been a blessing to stay a professional in so many places that I've been."

At 28 years old, Bell isn't a kid anymore. And despite having a few more years than when he stepped onto the Dahlberg Arena floor for the first time nearly a decade ago, his head is still full of basketball dreams.

"I just want to continue to work on my game and keep playing this game," Bell said.

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Golf team to hit the links in Florida

Sophomore Lauren Howell sends a chip within feet of the pin at practice Tuesday. Six Grizzly golfers will compete in the Cincinnati Spring Invitational this weekend in Crystal River, Fla.

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The Montana women's golf team tees off in Florida this week at the Cincinnati Spring Invitational. Rounds begin Thursday and continue Friday in Crystal River, Fla.

The invitational is the third tournament for the team this spring after a fairly successful fall run. Montana is looking to brush the cobwebs from its game once and for all after the four-month layoff for winter, said coach Joanne Steele. With the season beginning to wind down, each round is becoming increasingly important, she said.

"This time of the year, people get wrapped up in how we place," Steele said. "If we look at what we're doing and the improvements that we've made, that's what we focus on in the spring season — to bring your game up to what it was at the end of the fall."

"Each round that goes by, I see huge improvements," she said.

The team's approach to the spring season is different than in the fall, Steele said, but the fundamentals remain the same. The players continue to work on lowering scores, but they have to do it in a different environment.

Spring in Montana usually means low temperatures, so the team retreats indoors, hitting and putting off mats in the gym. As March comes to a close, though, the ground thaws and they head out to the Missoula golf courses. Having a real target to aim for is a relief, said junior Carissa Simmons.

"We'll take what we can get with the weather," Simmons said from the practice green at the Canyon River Golf Club in East Missoula. "It's so good for our mental game to be able to hit these shots, and not just off mats in the gym. We don't care if it's snowing or if it's raining; we're just happy to be out here."

Simmons said trouble with her short game hindered her play earlier this year. In order to improve, she couldn't wait to get outside. Putting on fake grass just isn't the same, she said.

"Half of your game is spent on the putting green, and in the last couple tournaments, what killed us was putting," Simmons said. "Being able to putt on real greens makes a huge difference."

Simmons and the rest of the Griz look to improve on last week's performance at the Northern Migration Invitational in Arizona. They placed 16th out of 19 teams and averaged just over 320 strokes per round. Simmons, who scored best for Montana, said she couldn't find her groove until the third day of play. Her putting kept her down for the first two rounds.

"The first day felt miserable, and the second day just felt worse," she said. "I was hitting the ball well and getting on the green and having to three-putt. That felt awful. On the third day, though, I just went out there and played how I normally play at the end of the year."

Simmons rolled out her best performance on the last day, completing the 18-hole course in 77 strokes. She said the three-day tournament gave her time to make improvements on her game, resulting in the final day's showing.

This week's tournament boasts 54 holes played over two days, with 36 to be covered on Thursday. Covering 36 holes in one day is its own kind of monster, Simmons said. It usually means spending all day on the course.

"It's pretty unbelievable," Simmons said. "There's really no other sport that has to go through that. You have to be mentally involved in something that's so strenuous for 12 hours. When you're on your 19th hole, they're throwing you a sandwich and you have to just keep going."

Repeating the course in the same day offers a positive side as well, she said. Simmons looks at it as a fresh start and a chance to shave strokes from her previous score.

With only a few tournaments left, Coach Steele is approaching each meet with goals in mind. She wants the team to be able to shoot an average round of 310, or four players with about 77 strokes each. She thinks they'll have to score even lower for the Big Sky Championship in April.

Those scores aren't out of range, Steele said. Aggressive play and great work around the greens will bring the scores down.

"That's the key, what teams can get up and down the course, taking more shots at the pin in order to have more birdies," Steele said. "You don't have to be a hero out there, but you can't let a hole get away from you. You're going to lose a few strokes here and there, but you have to start putting yourself into that kind of situation to be comfortable."

Participating in team play this week are Simmons, senior Alyssa Williamson, sophomores Ashli Helstrom and Lauren Howell and freshman Olivia Weber. Junior Rose Stepanek will be competing individually.

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Freshman goaltender gains experience in wake of injury

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Three weeks ago, things were looking bad for the Montana lacrosse team.

Struggling with a 0-3 record as they prepared to travel to Utah to face two of the nation's best teams, the University of Utah and BYU, things couldn't have been much worse for the team.

Then came the injury. Before the trip, junior goalie Ty Hall — one of Montana's few veteran players — separated the AC joint in his shoulder in a men's league hockey game.

"Ty getting hurt was huge for us," head coach Tucker Sargent said. "He knows our defense. He's vocal. He's just one of the leaders of our team."

Preparing to face the best competition of the year and missing his No. 1 goalie, Sargent was forced to use freshman goaltender Hank Vieten to replace Hall.

Vieten, a four-year member of Hanover High School's varsity program in New Hampshire, had shown potential through early season practices.

But teams such as Utah and BYU don't care much about potential, as the Grizzlies were outscored 52-8 in those two games, and Vieten was eventually pulled



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Montana goalie Hank Vieten prepares for an attack on his goal Saturday during the second half of the Montana vs. Gonzaga game. The Griz tallied their first win after beating the Bulldogs 11-9.

for third-string goalie freshman Stuart Dransfield.

"I thought Hank underperformed that weekend, and I was a little disappointed with that," Sargent said. "He definitely let in some shots he shouldn't have."

Vieten said facing teams like BYU and Utah in his first experience as a collegiate starter was a tough way to break into the role.

"Those were some pretty rough games for me," Vieten said. "The other teams were so crisp. There were no unforced errors. They would move the ball around and get their shot every time."

The Griz returned home and started to prepare for Gonzaga, a game that would have serious implications for the rest of the season. And although Vieten had a rough start in Utah, Sargent had a hunch he would improve.

"I wanted to stick with him because I thought he could do better," Sargent said. "I knew he had it in him. I was just hoping that he realized he didn't play very well the week before and work hard. And he has."

In front of the home crowd at Dornblaser Field, Vieten realized his potential.

The Grizzlies had a five-goal lead entering the fourth quarter, but Gonzaga attempted a comeback. By scoring three goals with less than three minutes remaining, Gonzaga brought the game within two goals.

But in the last minute, Vieten came up big with several clutch saves that secured Montana's first win of the season, 11-9.

"I thought Hank looked a lot better in the Gonzaga game," Sargent said. "In that last minute, he really made some important saves for us."

Playing in front of the home crowd with two games under his belt eased Vieten's earlier jitters, and he said he came into his own.

"It was just really nice to be home again," Vieten said. "I knew I had to step my game up, and I just felt way more comfortable playing at home. It was really nice to finally make a difference for the team."

Even Hall recognized the improvement from his younger teammate.

"He did very well," Hall said. "He stepped up and made it happen. He got the job done."

The Grizzlies hope Vieten has finally found his groove as the team plays conference rival Idaho this weekend at home.

But Vieten will most likely return to his backup role after the Idaho games, as Hall hopes to be healthy by the end of spring break.

While Vieten said everybody wants to get playing time, he knows his role, and that's behind Hall.

"He's really good, and he's going to start when he's healthy," Vieten said. "But obviously I'm enjoying this opportunity to play when I can."

Sargent confirmed that Hall would be back in the lineup when he can, but knows Vieten's playing time now can help the team in the long run. "I think the only way a goalie can improve is seeing shots," Sargent said. "I'm bummed that Ty is hurt, and he'll go back in because he's earned his spot. But I'm glad Hank is getting the experience because he is good and you can't compare anything to game experience."

Vieten agreed. "This is just a learning experience for me," he said, talking about future years on the lacrosse team. "I'm just getting in and figuring out how this team and league works, and when Ty graduates, hopefully I'll be the man and can step up and contribute full-time."

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Rhea said the senate has wanted to endorse the Climate Action Plan since January, but spent three weeks budgeting when school resumed. He said he needed to touch bases with other groups before they supported the plan.

"Collaboration takes time, but it's worth it," Rhea said.

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FOLGERS

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10, it was a surprise to bandmate Landon Lee.

"When we first made it, we wanted to take it seriously," he said. "But I wasn't set on winning."

So when Thompson called with the news, he was excited.

"I was ecstatic. I called all my friends and family," Lee said.

Now Thompson and Lee wait for voting to start on March 28, and they believe they have a good shot.

"I think (our chances) are pretty high," Thompson said. "I think

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I think getting into the top (five) is going to be easy, not to sound cocky.

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-Ethan Thompson, UM student

getting into the top (five) is going to be easy, not to sound cocky."

Lee agreed.

"The songs up there now are pretty good," he said. "But I think we'll do fine."

Part of that optimism, Thompson said, comes from the fact that

the group hopes to have the support of an entire university, since their video is the only one they know of that was created by a group of students.

"We're the only ones who actually made a video, and Folgers was very excited that we did that," he

said.

Since posting the video of the jingle online a couple of days ago, the response has been pretty good, with more than 1,100 views as of Wednesday night.

"It's been very well accepted," Thompson said.

But it'll all come down to the voting, they said.

"I guess we'll see after the voting starts," Lee said.

Currently the video can be seen online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP3IbVWIol0>. Voting starts March 28 and lasts until April 21 at www.bestpartofwakingup.com.

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